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PAYNE URGES SENATE TO DENY DEVESA'S TENURE

NEWARK — State Assemblyman William D. Payne urged the Senate Friday to deny lifetime tenure for Superior Court Judge Frederick DeVesa, who was a high-ranking Attorney General's office official in the early 1990's when racial profiling by the State Police was at its peak.

*"DeVesa's
reappointment flies
in the face of my
efforts to ensure fair
and balanced
treatment of all
citizens."*

William D. Payne

The Senate Judiciary Committee reviewed DeVesa's nomination for lifetime tenure when it met on Monday.

"Judge DeVesa was apparently aware of the blatant violation of minority motorists' civil rights yet chose not to address the problem," said Payne (D-Essex), sponsor of legislation making racial profiling a crime. "His public record is a clear indication he's not representative of the best the state's judiciary has to offer. It clearly disqualifies him for a lifetime position on the bench."

In 1993, while serving as acting Attorney General, DeVesa responded to a memo from Executive Assistant Attorney General Alexander Waugh who asked for guidelines on profiling by writing to Waugh that State Police standard operating procedure on road stops was good and "if it ain't broke, don't fix it."

"Reappointment of DeVesa would further erode the confidence of all citizens in the fairness of our state's judicial system," said Payne. "We must break the pattern of turning a deaf ear to the denial of constitutional rights for minority residents."

Payne has been at the forefront of the effort to eradicate the unfair practice of racial profiling, and he participated in the 1999 hearings held by the New Jersey Legislative Black and Latino Caucus. Those hearings

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Newark homicides down

Although police officers were faced with a homicide investigation shortly before the New Year rang in, the City of Newark experienced nearly 29 percent fewer homicides during 2002, and the numbers have declined substantially since the triple digit days of the early 1990's when more than 100 murder for the year was common. Crime in Newark has been trending downward since 1996, when the city was hailed as "the leading city in the nation in reducing crime" but the number rose to an alarming 91 homicide deaths in 2001, from up from 59 the prior year.

The latest report indicating that the steep increase in murders in 2001—was a fluke was welcomed by Sharpe James, Mayor of Newark, who is promoting Newark as a destination city where families can enjoy a unique dining, entertainment, and cultural experience.

"I congratulate the Newark Police Department on continuing its successful reduction of crime," Mayor James said. "Thanks to our use of high technology, innovative techniques, and focusing on neighborhood patrolling, we have cut murder

by 30 percent from last year."

Lt. Derek Glenn, spokesman for the Newark Police Department said the official homicide numbers will be released on January 15 after they are certified, but the preliminary figures indicate there were 65 homicides in 2002. Glenn also said only two of the deaths last year were gang related, compared to 2001 when Newark police say the city experienced a surge in fatalities from a gang related warfare between the Bloods and the Crips, and an influx of inmates returning to Newark. Some of the killings in 2002 involved gang members, but their death was not directly related to their membership, according to Glenn.

Much of the reduction in murders was attributed to a new police strategy implemented by new Police Director Robert K. Rankin, who took office last July during a reorganization of municipal government after the reelection of James.

"One of the key actions, was to restructure the department so that the Robbery and the Homicide detectives were separated," Glenn said explain-

ing that under the cases are assigned by rotation which meant that the most experienced detectives were not always assigned to the homicide cases. Now that the two divisions are separate, Glenn says the more seasoned detectives are concentrating on the murder cases.

Mayor James also lauded the Newark Police Department in a press statement.

"Under the leadership of Director Robert Rankin and Chief Anthony F. Ambrose III, our dedicated and often heroic men and women in blue have racked up this impressive statistic," James said. "I know they will continue to slice crime further in 2003, while also continuing to maintain an outstanding level of professional integrity, customer service, and full regard for the rights of all of our residents."

Glenn also attributes improved technology, communication and preventative measure for the reduction in murders citywide.

"During the investigation, we've often been able to determine who might want to retaliate in a situation, and take



Robert K. Rankin

measures to prevent another death from occurring," Glenn said. The improved communication has been a result of city wide communications meeting among homicide detectives within East, North, South and West Police Districts, and participating in a citywide information meeting with.

Another improvement in
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Camden councilman, activists ask Ashcroft to stop state 'takeover'

CAMDEN — Camden City Councilman Ali Sloan El and a group of local leaders, educators and activists have selected January 15, the actual birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., as the day to hold a press conference to explain a multifaceted lawsuit against Governor James E. McGreevey, Melvin R. Primus, the Chief Operating Officer and Camden Mayor Gwendolyn A. Faison.

The group, which is fighting the state takeover of Camden, say the larger issue is American Democracy, and they have called upon U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft and the Republican and Democratic parties to intercede.

Last July Governor McGreevey signed legislation allocating \$175 million to the city of Camden over the next three years, and creat-

ing a State Economic Recovery Board will be established to oversee the process. The Governor announced in October that state Treasurer John E. McCormack would chair the newly created 16-member Economic Recovery Board and Primus was named the COO.

"As an American citizen and elected official, I cherish the freedoms guaranteed to us by the Constitution of the United States of America," Sloan El said in a December letter to Ashcroft. "The United States Constitution and the Right to Vote has been suspended in Camden, New Jersey. The citizens of Camden have been for many years and are still under siege by elected officials who are in complicity with corporate thieves."

Sloan El, is joined in the



Ali Sloan El

lawsuit by Colandrus Francis, president of the Camden Chapter of the NAACP; Rosemary Jackson, vice president of the Camden Board of Education; Eulusis DelGado, a community activist; Angel Cordero, a Hispanic leader; and Rev. Duane A. Quamina, head of Democracy for Camden.

The group is represented by attorney Carl E. Watts.

The group alleged that Camden voters have been disenfranchised by the State under the leadership of McGreevey, who has appointed Primus, the former mayor of Camden, as the COO. Primus, an appointed representative, has the authority to veto the decisions of the elected officials, namely Camden Mayor Faison and the five City Council members.

"Why because the state of NJ decided it was time to take over the municipal government in the city of Camden forget about all the elected official and create our own mayor, she has to go to the super mayor," Sloan El said referring to Faison. Mayor Faison initially resisted the State's entrance into the governing of Camden,

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Curious Observer?

Governor McGreevey may be heading down the right road with his proposal to offer a stripped down dollar a day auto insurance program to help uninsured motorists keep their cars on the road legally. The plan is reported to pay for medical expenses after an accident. A portion of the annual \$365 premium would be contributed to a state pool to pay people who are badly injured by uninsured motorists, or drivers whose insurance coverage is inadequate to cover the expenses of the accidents.

This is good news for good drivers in New Jersey, and for honest, but poor drivers who are priced out of the auto insurance market and opt to drive illegally.

First former President William Clinton opened an office in Harlem. Now former U.S. Senator Robert G. Torricelli is expected to open an office in Camden.

Big rich developers, who ignored the waterfront city for years as it sunk deeper into financial and criminal ruin, are now lining up to grab the lion's share of the \$175 million Camden recovery pie. But will this provide wealth for the residents of the impoverished city? Or will Camden residents be driven into neighboring communities to create poverty there while the rich guys reap the spoils of under the guise of redevelopment.

If history is any example of future behavior, and it often is, we already know that it's getting harder and harder for the brothers and sisters to afford living and eating in Harlem, what with Starbucks and other pricey venues opening their doors on 125th Street, but not opening the deep purse strings to enable the original residents to get their fair share of the wealth.

Have you seen anything odd lately?

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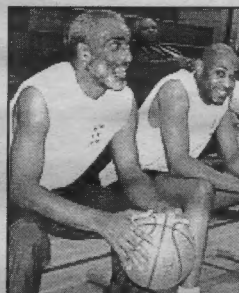
The Newark YMCA's Ninth Annual Sports Legends Program brought 40 retired athletes from around the country to 29 area schools, Clara Maass hospital and Jersey City Medical Center in New Jersey recently. The athletes encouraged hundreds of children to stay in school and to follow their dreams. *Sports Legend courtesy of David Gruel and Donyale S. Ryan*



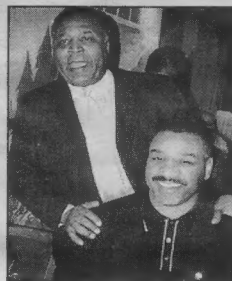
Motivating legends — Newark YMCA Sports Legends Steve Braum (formerly of the St. Louis Cardinals), Joetta Clark-Diggs (four-time member of the U.S. Olympic track and field team) and Bobby Bell (former all-pro linebacker with the Kansas City Chiefs) discuss careers and challenges with students.



Awarded for excellence— Nicholas Testa, Principal of Garfield School in Kearny was one of three recipients of YMCA's Principal's Award of Excellence.



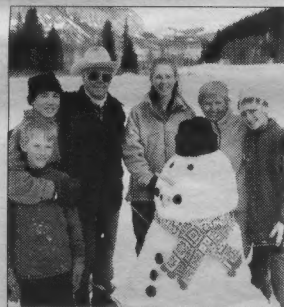
Cooling off — Kevin C. Young, U.S. Olympic track and field world record holder (l), and Chuck Foreman (r) of the Minnesota Vikings joined students in a game of basketball.



Looking on — Milt Harrison, president of the Newark YMCA (standing) pictured with Tim Baylor Defensive Back for the Baltimore Colts.



No crushes today — World Title belt holder, James "Bonecrusher" Smith also played basketball with students at the Newark YMCA.



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Happy awardee — American Heart Association (AHA) volunteers Professor Frank Doto, MS (l); Linda Sylvester of Newark Beth Israel receives the first ever Dr. Klaus Schulz Achievement Award at Second Annual AHA New Jersey ECC Awards; (r) Al Rundio, Ph.D., RN, chairman of the American Heart Association NJ region. Sylvester is director of resuscitation services for Newark Beth Israel, St. Barnabas Health Care System.



Outstanding contributors — The National Urban League (NUL) recently held its 46th Annual Equal Opportunity Day Awards Dinner. Michael J. Critelli, (r), newly elected NUL board chairman and chairman and chief executive officer, Pitney Bowes Inc., and Hugh B. Price, (l), the outgoing president and chief executive officer, National Urban League, presented Oprah Winfrey, chairman, Harpo, Inc., the 2002 Outstanding Community Service Award for her exemplary service to under served communities.

Walking for good health — Volunteers and walkers attending the American Heart Association's recent Union County American Heart Walk at Jersey Gardens Mall were able to receive free health information and have their blood pressure checked.

Briefs

SHARPTON MAKING PRESIDENTIAL RUN

NEW YORK - After pursuing an exploratory effort throughout 2002, Rev. Al Sharpton is set to file papers on January 20 with the Federal Election Commission establishing a presidential committee with the Federal Election Commission. He is scheduled to appear on NBC's "Meet the Press" with Tim Russert on January 19.

OPRAH'S AFRICAN VISIT ENDS IN RIOT

QUNU, South Africa (INS)—Oprah Winfrey's month-long "Christmas Kindness" mission to give aid and gifts to children in South Africa ended when a stampede of parents and children at Nelson Mandela's Christmas party left three children hospitalized. The concert was stopped and Mandela Mandela, Mandela's grandson who hosted the event, and Winfrey appealed for the participants to remain calm.

WINNIE MANDELA RETURNS TO ANC

STELLENBOSCH, South Africa (GIN)—African National Congress (ANC) leaders are renewing a working relationship with Member of Parliament Winnie Madikizela-Mandela, according to a Party spokesperson. Madikizela-Mandela is expected to be elected to the NEC at the ANC's 51st national conference in Stellenbosch. She recently participated in a group that included first lady Zanele Mbeki Mandela. Madikizela-Mandela is currently facing charges of fraud and theft, and is at the same time suing parliament in a row over her non-disclosure of assets.

S.A. HEALTH LEADER IN AIDS DISPUTE

STELLENBOSCH, South Africa (GIN)—Health Minister Manto Tshabala-Msimang is in hot water again over published remarks that government spending on sub-marines came before spending on anti-AIDS drugs. The British Guardian newspaper quoted Minister Tshabala-Msimang as saying there was no money available for anti-retroviral drugs for the estimated 4.5 million South Africans with HIV. Tshabala-Msimang reportedly said threats from aggressors, including the U.S. prevented South Africa from using part of a multibillion dollar arms budget for drugs, because the nation could be attacked.

Post Lott, blacks examine the Republican agenda

By George E. Curry and Hazel Trice Edney
NNPA News Service

WASHINGTON (NNPA)—Now that the Republican Party has prevented Sen. Trent Lott from becoming a "Bull" Connor-like symbol for Democratic opponents, the party's challenge now is to figure out how to become more progressive on racial issues without alienating its support among white conservatives, political analysts and civil rights leaders believe.

"The Republican Party's civil rights problem is far broader and deeper than Trent Lott," says Ralph G. Neas, president of People for the American Way. "It is more important that the White House and GOP leaders make a break not only with the segregationist past but with their policies and actions that continue to undermine civil rights protections in America today."

Lott, the Senate Majority Leader for 18 months until Democrats gained control of the chamber, was scheduled to resume that post when Congress reconvenes he recently announced that he will not seek the role. Before his announcement, Lott was quickly becoming the poster boy for Democrats eager to paint Republicans as insensitive on



Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson racial issues.

Lott had the markings of symbolizing white racism in the same way T. Eugene "Bull" Connor, the former commissioner of public safety in Birmingham, Ala., came to represent evil. Connor inadvertently galvanized national support for civil rights in 1963 by having firemen and police officers turn on water hoses and allow police dogs to attack black demonstrators, some of them children. Televising that raw brutality helped speed passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. With Lott having sidestepped that unwanted fate, the focus has shifted to the Republican Party rather than its would-be Senate leader.

"Race has been the subtext to the rise of the Republican Party," says Faye M. Anderson,

a former chair for the Republican National Committee's New Majority Council, an outreach project. "And the fallout from Trent Lott's slip of the tongue is to expose what the party would rather not expose."

What's being exposed is that Lott rose to a top leadership position by advocating insensitive racial policies, such as opposition to affirmative action, a stance of the Republican Party and George W. Bush. Lott's successor as majority leader, Bill Frist of Tennessee, has earned an F on each NAACP report card issued since he was first elected in 1994.

Like Lott, Frist voted to ban affirmative action programs that would use legislative branch funds, voted against the Hate Crimes Expansion Act of 2000 and against an amendment in 1998 to preserve the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program. Frist voted for the confirmations of John Ashcroft as attorney general in 2001 and Far-Right jurist Dennis Shedd earlier this year to the U.S. Circuit Court.

The NAACP's most recent report card shows that all 49 Republicans in the Senate received failing grades on issues considered important to blacks. Yet, Republicans hope to expand their base between

now and the next presidential election in 2004 by proposing faith-based initiatives, private and parochial school vouchers and tax cuts that have largely gone to the wealthy.

How the Bush administration deals with two affirmative action cases now before the U.S. Supreme Court may directly impact its future ability to attract black voters. The two cases, scheduled to be argued in May, involve challenges to affirmative action programs administered by the University of Michigan's Law School and an undergraduate division of the university.

The paramount question is whether George Bush is truly a "compassionate conservative?" as he proclaims, or, as Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-Texas) says, compassionate toward conservatives.

The direction in which the party goes may well determine whether Republicans—who now control all three branches of government—will be able to maintain their edge.

"We know that Trent Lott is not the issue. They want to make him the fall guy so they can move on. But the problem is much broader than Trent Lott," says Anderson, who quit the party two years ago over its refusal to directly address racism. "Lott only personifies the fundamental problem."

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Each week, CITY NEWS helps to preserve the struggles, achievements, issues and dreams of black people for the annals of history, linking the past and future, helping to pave the way for a better tomorrow.

Editorial

Judge DeVesa: A lifetime to show true colors

Now that the New Jersey Senate Judiciary Committee has given Superior Court Judge Frederick DeVesa a lifetime appointment to the bench, it is clear that many eyes will follow his every move, and it is our hope that the not only DeVesa, but appointed and elected officials all over the nation will remember their stewardship before they speak cavalierly.

The problem certainly did not begin in the mid 1970s with former Secretary of Agriculture Earl Lauer Butz, who made a tasteless racially charged comment without realizing his microphone was open, but the fallout which forced him from office certainly ushered in a new era of media reporting, public reaction and political prudence of high level flippancy. One has to look no further than former Republic Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott to see that the times have changed in American — at least to the point that public officials can not behave in any manner that even infers they are insensitive toward African Americans.

Judge DeVesa, the Middlesex County presiding criminal court judge, was given a grueling reminder about the importance of a careful, sober response in the face of highly charged racial circumstances this week when his approved nomination for a lifetime appointment to the Superior Court bench was suspended. Members of the state Senate Judiciary Committee paused to bring DeVesa before them and have him explain a response he gave nearly ten years ago.

At that time, back in 1993, DeVesa was the acting state attorney general for five months. Charges that the State Police practiced racial profiling was at its peak. When asked by subordinate for guidelines on handling road stops, DeVesa said, "if it ain't broke, don't fix it."

Those seven words conveyed an attitude of let the troopers handle business as usual for many observers in the state, including Assemblyman William Payne (D-Essex) who testified at Monday's hearing that the 1993 reply implicitly sanctioned racial profiling.

Judge DeVesa explained on Monday that he was referring to the department's formal policy, adopted in 1990, which prohibited troopers from considering a person's race except where that "characteristic is directly and specifically related to particular criminal activity."

Senate Judiciary Committee found DeVesa's explanation to be satisfactory, and his supporters included a local NAACP branch, so the judge moves up to his lifetime appointment hopefully a little wiser.

Hopefully as we embark upon the year 2003 elected and appointed officials in New Jersey and across the nation will be mindful that racial sensitivity is very important now that minorities are in the media and in the legislature in sufficient numbers that they can muster the support to them on the carpet about attitudes on simple slips of the lip that are a throw back to the age when African American had no choice but to let grin a bear it.

We look forward to Judge DeVesa employing his lessons learned from this incident as he dispenses justice on the bench for years to come.

GOP Outreach: Where's the Beef?

By Ron Walters

Much has been made about the fact that Trent Lott had to be removed because his racist statement complicated the ability of the Republican Party—and George Bush—to conduct "outreach" to the black community. It is being said that Bush was on the right track with his so-called faith-based initiative and the appointments of Colin Powell and Condoleezza Rice to top foreign policy positions. But it strikes me as odd that some people actually believe they can use these things to attract blacks into the party that has been regarded as racist. But they continue to feed us this pabulum.

Powell and Rice represent the fact that conservatism can also be multicultural — they can pursue policies that are just as much against black interests, but do it as part of a conservative coalition of whites, blacks, Hispanics, Asians and others. That coalition represents the ideology that has given blacks so much hell in the past three decades. Therefore, the ideology will be regarded as the more important attempted "outreach" base rather than the complexion of those doing it.

But let's get down to it. Any successful outreach to the

black community will be based on the same principle as outreach to the white or any other community — on addressing the interests of blacks through the principles and policies pursued by the party. The question then is how much change will there be in the Republican leadership and its rank-and-file.

This is a legitimate question because a group of senators, including Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, already have said that they will not alter their approach to race. McConnell, who sponsored a bill eliminating affirmative action in the 104th Congress, said that he "doesn't believe Republicans are going to start endorsing preferences and quotas."

Furthermore, Orrin Hatch, the new chair of Senate Judiciary Committee, also believes that the nomination of Judge William Pickering should be reintroduced by the White House. In a recent cross-burning case involving an interracial couple, Pickering a Mississippi judge, voided the mandatory minimum sentence of one of the KKK perpetrators.

Sen. Bill Frist has taken over the reins of the Republican Party in the Senate. In his first statement addressed to "healing" after the Senate leadership confirmed his position in a tele-

phone conference call, Frist voiced no hint of how he would heal the racial breach caused by Lott's statement. So, we are left not knowing whether he will heed the counsel of the senior members of his party or strike out on a new course — oriented toward the interests of the majority of the black community, not the black Right-wing fringe.

Before his debacle, Trent Lott was gearing up to implement George Bush's agenda, filled with items such as renominating Pickering, beefing up the Homeland Security Department, facilitating Bush policies toward Iraq, and sponsoring oil-based legislation to promote American "emergency independence."

If Frist simply follows this outline, and beefs up the moderate image side of Republican "outreach" as I think he will, rather than the real beef of policy outreach, he will continue the Republican slight-of-hand on the issue of outreach to blacks that has been so common—and such a failure.

Ron Walters is Distinguished Leadership Scholar, director of the African American Leadership Institute at the University of Maryland-College Park.

Money talks, especially black money

By James Clingman

Have you ever wondered what money says when it talks? Obviously, understanding its power and the role it plays in this economy, money speaks loudly and clearly, and black money speaks even louder.

But what does it say?

We know from past experience when we have grievances, if we resort to economic retaliation we can get things done. Why? Because black money speaks louder than any other; \$600 billion can get pretty loud, and those who are getting the lion's share of it sit up and take notice when we resort to withholding our money from their coffers.

Look at what happened on what is affectionately referred to as Black Friday. Total retail sales reported were \$7.2 billion—on one day! How loudly did black dollars speak to the retailers on that day? And what did those dollars say? I am sure whatever they said at the malls and other stores, it was sweet music to the retailers' ears.

The only language that gets things done in this country is the money language. How else could executives of major corporations steal so much of it and get off with what amounts to a disciplinary hearing and a warning? How could we now

Black money is saying positive things to white-owned businesses, Asian-owned businesses, Arab-owned businesses, and many others that black consumers support.

be faced, once again, with going to war under the guise of "national security" when it's really all about oil? Didn't she commit a crime? And what about the stock market? They tell us that insider trading is illegal, and they expect us to believe they don't tell their friends and relatives that a deal is about to go down. C'mon.

Why do you think the call went out from George W. Bush and the gang to spend more money immediately after the World Trade Center tragedy? Why would he wipe out a budget surplus to give the proletariat \$600 in advance tax refunds, thus, putting us back into a deficit? Of course, we know the richest folks received the greatest benefit from that so-called tax cut.

That's money talking, folks, and it's speaking vol-

umes. Now what about black money? Well, I see a great deal of it in the hands of brothers and sisters who seem unable to hear what their money is saying. I see the hip-hop crowd doing voting summits but not economic summits. I see many of our black athletes and entertainers spending rather than investing in businesses of their own brothers and sisters. And I see millions of everyday brothers and sisters spending their share of our \$600 billion aimlessly on the baubles and beads made by everyone else except black folks.

Black money is talking and saying positive things to white-owned businesses, Asian-owned businesses, Arab-owned businesses, and the many others that black consumers support. Our money is saying nice things like, "I trust that I can help make your day much better by soothing your mind and fattening your bank account." Yes, money talks, and black money talks even more.

But do you know what black money is saying to black folks? It's simply saying, "Good-bye!"

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DELL GIFT ASSISTS
TWO AREA GROUPS

NEWARK — The Rutgers-Newark campus radio station, WRNU, and the Student Health Advocates will each receive a new Dell computer to help them better serve their constituents. WRNU, which has been closed down for two years plans and plan to reopen soon. The Student Health Advocates provide peer education to campus students on the dangers of a variety of lifestyle choices.

CIANJ OPENS ONE
STOP CENTER

PARAMUS — The Commerce and Industry Association of New Jersey (CIANJ) recently opened it's "One Stop" Business Assistance Center, in the CIANJ offices, South 61 Paramus Road. Small business owners can call CIANJ Customer Service or visit www.cianj.org to make an appointment with state and federal business experts. This service is offered free of charge to all New Jersey business owners with under 200 employees.

COMMISSIONER
BAKKE EXTENDS
"LAST CHANCE"

TRENTON — Banking and Insurance Commissioner Holly C. Bakke has formally extended the "Last Chance" program for uninsured drivers, giving them until February 28 to take advantage of this opportunity to drive legally. The program was originally scheduled to end on December 31. "Last Chance," which began in mid-September, waives certain underwriting surcharges for drivers who can only be insured through the residual market, formally known as the New Jersey Personal Automobile Insurance Plan. These drivers can save between \$115 and \$1,035 through the program.

GOVERNOR WANTS
CUSTOMER FRIENDLY
CABLE COMPANIES

TRENTON — Governor James E. McGreevey announced a proposal on Monday that seeks to make the cable industry more customer friendly for the state's 2.5 million cable subscribers. The Governor is proposing to amend current laws that will allow the state regulatory power to set guidelines on cable installation service, cable service appointments and answering customer phone calls for new Jersey citizens.

Payne says promises
made in 2002 were kept

NEWARK — Since January Assemblyman William D. Payne has delivered on his promise to address the state's fiscal crisis and make state government more responsive to the needs of New Jersey residents.

"During the past year, we have succeeded in restoring the state's fiscal health and enhancing consumer protections," said Payne (D-Newark).

"I am proud of these accomplishments amid many other legislative endeavors that will help make New Jersey a better state in which to raise a family, start a business, or attain an education."

Payne joined with other Assembly members in tackling a fiscal crisis never before seen in the state.

"While maintaining state aid levels for municipalities and schools, expanding the Homestead Rebate program, protecting NJ Saver property tax relief, and preserving the PAAD pharmaceutical assistance program, we overcame a \$9 billion budget deficit left by the outgoing Republican administration without resorting to increases in sales and income taxes," said Payne.

The Assembly had a productive year, with 2,887 bills introduced, 743 measures released from committee, 517 passed by the Assembly, and 78 signed into law by Governor James E. McGreevey.

In defense of consumers, a measure approved by the Assembly this year would reestablish the Department of the Public Advocate. This department, which the previous administration abolished, is expected to provide citizens and consumers an enhanced voice in dealings with government agencies, utility companies and insurers.

Another bill passed by the Assembly struck a blow for consumers who want a respite from the endless barrage of unsolicited telemarketing calls by requiring telemarketers to refrain from calling people who have registered their telephone numbers on the state's "do not call" directory.

The Assembly Majority also passed sweeping legislation designed to improve customer service at Division of Motor Vehicles operations, authorize background checks on agency employees and drivers who haul hazardous materials, and implement a digitized driver's license program.

In addition, Assembly Transportation Committee investigations into problems with the state's EZPass electronic toll collection systems



William D. Payne

led to passage of the first set of bills designed to correct how the state awards public contracts.

In the last voting session of the year, Payne says the Assembly passed "Patients First" legislation designed to help avert a medical malpractice insurance crisis that could force thousands of physicians in high risk specialties, such as obstetrics and neurology, to cease practicing.

The Assembly also formed a Task Force on Fiscal Responsibility, which is charged with examining the causes of the state's fiscal crisis, as well as rooting out government waste and mismanagement.

"Through our efforts, we have strengthened consumer protections," said Payne. "We will continue to fight to improve the quality of life of New Jersey residents."

On the issue of homeland security, legislation was signed into law that strengthens the hand of law enforcement authorities when investigating and punishing terrorists.

Under "The September 11th, 2001 Anti-Terrorism Act," anyone convicted of committing an act of terrorism in New Jersey in which people are killed could face the death penalty. Those convicted in other nonfatal terrorism cases could be imprisoned for up to 30 years with no parole.

A measure that appropriates \$27 million in federal funds to help New Jersey prepare for potential bioterror attacks also became law. "Through our Homeland Security and State Preparedness Committee, we continue to develop methods to protect our citizens, industry and resources," Payne said.

"Over this past year, it has been my privilege to give something back to this state and country through the process of public service," said Payne. "I look forward with great anticipation to building upon our accomplishments in the New Year."

Four local groups win
stat tourism grants

TRENTON — Four local organizations were among the 34 groups throughout the state that recently received Tourism Cooperative Marketing Grants totaling \$200,400 for 2003, according to Tourism Executive Director Nancy J. Byrne.

"Tourism is a \$31 billion industry that supports \$36,000 jobs across New Jersey and produces \$17.7 billion in wages," said Byrne. "The Cooperative Marketing Program provides an effective way to promote the variety of attractions we have here in the Garden State."

Byrne added that tourism promotion is a valuable tool for increasing visitation throughout the Garden State. "Efforts such as the Cooperative Marketing Grant Program complement our initiatives to help the state's tourism industry reach new, unprecedented heights."

The organizations in the Gateway Region, that includes Passaic, Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Union & Middlesex Counties, that received the

marketing grants are: The City of Hoboken was awarded \$7,5110 for hosting two annual arts and music festivals; the Liberty Hall Museum received \$5,300 to collaborate with Jersey Gardens Mall on a project to increase visitors to their respective locations, and to the Gateway Region. The project launches in the spring and will coincide with Jersey Garden's spring and Mother's Day ad campaign and Liberty Hall's season opening.

Another group, the Kennedy Dancers will get \$5,000 to promote a dance project that showcases world-class ethnic and contemporary dance companies from New Jersey. The companies will perform dances pertinent to holiday seasonal events. The fourth group, NaNi Chen Dance Company will use their \$5,000 to usher in Chinese New Year on February 1. The New Jersey Performing Arts Center will provide a special Chinese New Year celebration that attracts audiences from New York and Pennsylvania.

Local biz leader supports
urban scholarship fund

NEWARK — Attorney, John T. (Chuck) Dolan, Esq. of Newark is supporting The Scholarship Fund for Inner City Children (SFICC) as a member of its Board of Trustees to help provide a better education for thousands of Garden State children. Mr. Dolan is an Executive Committee Board member for the SFICC, which provides partial scholarships for needy children attending Catholic schools in Northern New Jersey.

Established in 1983, The SFICC has provided 31,000 scholarships to students attending Catholic elementary and secondary schools in New Jersey's Essex, Hudson, Bergen and Union Counties. Nearly 94 percent of the scholarship recipients who have graduated from Catholic high schools attend college.

"We are very proud to have such diversely talented and accomplished men and women

an our board," Executive Director, Kevin P. Moriarty said. "With the leadership of those such as Chuck Dolan, The SFICC continues to provide impoverished children with important educational alternatives and a brighter future." "Many board members, like myself, have chosen this organization for its commitment to youth in our community and its unmatched achievement. Nearly 94 percent of our high school scholarship recipients go on to attend college at an amazing success rate by any standard."

Charles Dolan

"Nearly 94 percent of our high school scholarship recipients go on to attend college at an amazing success rate by any standard." According to Mr. Dolan, the program works because it builds a partnership with parents who are committed to their children's education.

For more information about The Fund, visit www.racan.org/icsf.

Segregated communities doorway to poor health

By Becky Ham, Staff Writer
Health Behavior News Service

Location, location, location — the real estate agent's mantra — might hold the key to health for those who live in a racially segregated and impoverished neighborhood, a new study concludes.

Race-based neighborhood segregation is a "fundamental cause of racial disparities in health, one that influences access to social and material resources that promote health and avoid disease and influences many health outcomes," say Amy J. Schulz, Ph.D., of the University of Michigan and colleagues.

The findings may help explain why blacks, in particular, have higher rates of sickness and death than the national average, say the researchers, who explored the links between segregation, concentrated poverty and health in the Detroit metropolitan area.

Racial neighborhood segregation is particularly striking in Detroit, where the black population tends to cluster in the older urban area and whites live predominantly in outlying suburban communities. "Eighty-four percent of African-American residents would have to move in order to achieve an equal distribution of African-Americans in the area," Schulz notes.

Political, social and economic conditions in many metropolitan regions across the country have helped cluster blacks and other racial minorities in older urban areas with high concentrations of poverty as economic opportunities have moved out of city centers, according to the researchers.

In their Detroit case study, Schulz and colleagues documented several ways that seg-

regation and the loss of economic resources in these "left-behind" communities can affect residents' health.

For instance, air and noise pollution may increase as commuter traffic winds its way out of these neighborhoods to better job opportunities in the suburbs. The dwindling tax base in these poorer communities can mean less support for municipal services like fire and police departments and trash collection, exposing residents to poor sanitation and reduced fire and crime protection.

Similarly, poor neighborhoods may lose hospitals, pharmacies and large grocery stores stocked with healthy foods. "The exodus of major grocery stores and other retail outlets from high-poverty areas in Detroit has forced residents to shop in small convenience or liquor stores in their communities, which have limited selections, often of poor quality and at high prices," the researchers say.

These environmental problems can contribute to "stressors" that increase the likelihood of developing chronic diseases like high blood pressure, according to the researchers.

Efforts to minimize neighborhood poverty on health and its impact on health, such as urban economic development, increased access to health care, and collaborations between local governments to improve metropolitan environments, "may help reduce pervasive racial disparities in health," Schulz and colleagues conclude.

The study was partially funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Health Brief

NEW DRUG HELPS SYMPTOMS OF PARKINSON'S DISEASE

Robert Wood Johnson Medical School at UMDNJ have found that a new drug for treating Parkinson's disease improves the quality of life for patients in early stages of the disease with minimal side effects.

The study conducted at 32 sites nationwide and in Canada, showed that patients who received rasagiline showed improved motor and cognitive skills and were less impaired in their ability to perform daily living tasks.

TEEN DIETERS AT RISK FOR UNHEALTHY BEHAVIORS

Teens who use extreme methods like diet pills or vomiting to control their weight are also more likely to smoke, drink, use marijuana and attempt suicide, a new study of adolescent dieting behavior concludes.

Extreme dieters and moderate dieters are both at risk for unhealthy behaviors, like binge eating, eating less and extreme exercise to control their weight. This study also showed that the percentage of boys engaged in extreme dieting was surprising.

Death by neglect — Why we should care about HIV testing

NAPS — Most people in our community know that AIDS is hitting African Americans harder than anyone else in the country. Even the experts have been unable to explain why. A key factor is starting to become clear: many black Americans with HIV don't even know they're infected. This lack of knowledge is, to put it bluntly, killing us.

Some people may try to lay the blame for high rates of HIV infection in our communities on the supposed "bad habits" of black folks. "Why are they so irresponsible?" they ask. "Why do they take so many risks?" The truth is much more complicated than those assumptions.

Yes, across the nation, some African Americans with HIV are engaging in risky behaviors like unprotected sex. No more so, however, than other racial groups. In fact, research by the Centers for Disease Control among the black men with the highest infection rates young gay and bisexual black men shows that these men take no more risks than their white and Latino peers.

Our HIV positive brothers and sisters are not spreading HIV because of poor judgment, they're spreading it because they don't know they are infected. A recent study of gay and bisexual black men

showed that more than nine out of ten HIV positive black men in the study didn't know they had the virus. People who know they are infected are a lot more likely to protect their partners than those who don't.

Why don't more African Americans know their HIV status? Fear of the disease and ignorance about HIV testing and treatment. To start encouraging people to test for HIV, it's important that we know the facts and communicate them to others.

Getting tested for HIV is easier than it used to be. A few years ago, blood test results took weeks. Today, there's an oral test that's needle free, and rapid tests that can provide preliminary results much sooner. If you find out you're HIV positive, the benefits are two fold.

First, you can begin a treatment program that can help your body control HIV for a long, long time. Private insurers and Medicaid almost always cover HIV/AIDS treatments. With good treatment, AIDS can be a lot more like diabetes or high blood pressure. • Second, you can start taking precautions to ensure that you don't pass on the virus to anyone else.

To find out where you can get tested, go online to www.hivtest.org or call the CDC AIDS Hotline, 1-800-342-AIDS.

NJ prepares smallpox vaccination

TRENTON — By the end of January or early February 2003, New Jersey plans to begin vaccinating up to 15,000 public health workers and hospital staff that have volunteered to be the front line of defense in the state's smallpox preparedness effort, Health and Senior Services Commissioner Clifton R. Lacy, M.D. recently announced.

The vaccinations will be the first phase of a voluntary immunization program outlined in New Jersey's smallpox vaccination preparedness plan to be submitted today to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Upon approval by the CDC, the plan will serve as a blueprint for public health officials, hospital staff, emergency workers and the public in the event of an outbreak of the deadly disease.

"Although there is no known imminent threat of a smallpox outbreak, New Jersey must be prepared for this and other forms of bio-terrorism," Commissioner Lacy said. "Our plan calls for vaccinating key personnel now who would be

involved in future investigations of and care for any potential cases of smallpox."

Smallpox is a highly contagious and deadly disease. In the past, approximately one in three who contracted the disease died. Through a comprehensive vaccination program beginning in the 1950s, the World Health Organization and its member states were able to eradicate smallpox worldwide by 1980.

The last case of naturally occurring smallpox was in Somalia in 1977, and the last case in the United States was in 1947.

However, experts believe smallpox may be possessed by individuals willing to use it as a weapon in a bio-terrorism attack, and New Jersey considers it prudent to be prepared for the possibility of such an event.

"Smallpox poses one of the most significant threats to health of any agent of bio-terrorism," said Lacy. "One confirmed case of smallpox anywhere in the world constitutes a global public health emergency. Last year, New Jersey was the epicenter of anthrax

bio-terrorism. One lesson our state and our country learned is the value of being prepared — through planning, training, and exercising for all possible health threats. Smallpox vaccination is an important element of New Jersey's Terrorism and Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan."

Currently, about half of the United States population has never been vaccinated for smallpox. The other half were vaccinated before 1972 and medical experts say it is unknown whether those people who were vaccinated are still protected.

There are side effects associated with smallpox vaccination. Most people experience mild reactions that include a sore and swollen arm, fever, body aches, and swollen glands. Others, however, experience reactions ranging from serious to life threatening.

Education will play a key role in helping prospective vaccinees to understand this deadly disease and the benefits and risks of vaccination.

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resulted in a number of recommendations designed to correct, remedy, and prevent civil rights violations by the State Police.

"As sponsor of a resolution calling for the impeachment of Supreme Court Justice Peter Verniero, who was Attorney General in 1998 when state police shot three minority men on the New Jersey turnpike, I also must oppose the reappointment of Judge DeVesa," said Payne. "DeVesa's reappointment flies in the face of my efforts to ensure fair and balanced treatment of all citizens."

Payne's legislation criminalizing the deprivation of civil rights by public officials, making it a third degree crime punishable by up to five years in prison and \$15,000 in fines was passed by the Assembly on December 12. It now awaits final legislative action by the Senate.

"Judge DeVesa is out of step with what residents have demanded of their public officials," said Payne. "The Senate clearly has a mandate to install only judges with the highest standards of fairness and impartiality."

The embattled Judge DeVesa said during his hearing that, "My response did not constitute support for racial profiling." DeVesa went on to explain say, "I did not think additional guidelines were the answer."

The judge further said he responded to the racial profiling situation with a series of reforms that included putting more minorities in supervisory positions.

Payne said after the hearing that the judge's testimony proved he was "part of a cadre of high government officials who failed to stop racial profiling. Those who could have and should have halted this practice have been rewarded."

New State Senator Nia Gill (D-Essex), the only African-American on the Senate Judiciary Committee, said after the hearing however that Judge DeVesa's statement needed to be clarified for the public, but he has a record as "an outstanding judge," who "should have lifetime tenure..."

Even the heads of local NAACP chapters were divided on whether or not DeVesa should have received a lifetime appointment.

Reginald Johnson, president of the Metuchen-Edison Branch of the NAACP gave DeVesa a strong endorsement, however the Rev. William Rutherford, president of the New Jersey State Conference of NAACP Branches said he is still opposed to the permanent appointment.

Camden activists call for federal investigation of alleged city takeover by N. J. officials

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but later relented. Observers believe Faison did not have the resources or stamina for fight against the Governor's wishes.

"We don't have a problem with Randy managing government, but not with veto power over the council and the mayor," says Sloan El, who has represented the East Second Ward constituents of Parkside, Whitman Park, Liberty Park, Centerville, and the New Gateway for seven years.

"The super mayor can do anything he wants to do ... propose laws, veto laws, take over the function of the City Council. The State also tried to take over the board of education. It is virtually a takeover the city of Camden," Sloan El said in a veiled reference to Primus. "It has not been advertised as a takeover bill, but that is in essence what it is."

Primus was the Mayor of Camden 10 years ago, and has been involved with the city as a private consultant, according to Sloan El, who says the former mayor has profited from environmental and infrastructure debacles that were created during his administration.

Homicides

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the communications, is the result of new computer software and a new radio frequency that enables officers to check to see if a person they encounter on the street has any outstanding warrants, Glenn said.

Some community observers outside the Police Department also credit the Greater Newark Safer Cities Initiative (GNSCI), a collaboration among criminal justice agencies, community and faith-based groups, social service and treatment providers, private organizations, the business community, and the School of Criminal Justice at Rutgers University in Newark. The program, which was officially launched in November 2000, is the brain-child of former Newark Director of Police, Joseph Santiago, and George Kelling, a professor and researcher at Rutgers School of Criminal Justice.

One component of the GNSCI is the Gun Strategy Pilot Program, an initiative aimed at a small group of offenders who terrorize neighborhoods with gun violence.

Newark residents have welcomed the the the combined efforts to stem crime, and public opinion about the Newark continues to improve as the various crime fighting initiatives and solid police work take affect on the city streets.

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Camden City Councilman Ali Sloan El

Sloan El says that the \$175 million slated for Camden's redevelopment is misleading because because "\$45 million went to education and hospital facilities, none of which pay any taxes to the city of Camden."

"The direct appropriations to those institution have nothing to do with governance," Sloan El said. "Another \$24 million will go to improving the aquarium. That's not directly going to benefit the citizens of Camden, either."

Sloan El says the remaining \$45 millions is not sufficient to meet the Camden infrastructure needs.

"We need about a \$100

million to fix the water mains and another \$50 million to fix the sewer."

Sloan El also criticized the impact that the revitalization monies will have on translating into jobs for Camden residents.

"In January of 2001 the Governor signed an executive order to have all the redevelopment workers be members be unions. What union has opened up their arms of to the residents of Camden, none of them," he said.

"We filed a formal letter for John Ashcroft to launch a national investigation," Quamina said in a phone interview earlier this week. "We are talking about putting pressure

on the Republican and Democratic party, we seen the true nature of some of the people in that party."

"As the bill was written it says Camden will be first but it could be a pilot program implemented in other cities in New Jersey," says Quamina who added that he attended a Conference at Rutgers University in 2001 and a Mississippi participant spoke of similar democracy issues in that state.

Sloan El says that the legislation to take the public decision making away from elected officials in the City of Camden was first proposed by Governor Christine Todd Whitman, but the Democrats in office voted the measure down.

"They (the Democratic lawmakers in Trenton) said it was tyranny," Sloan El said, "Now they (the Democrats) seem to be saying now 'my slavery is best for the people.'"

Rev. Quamina said they received a confirmation Monday that the U.S. Attorney General had received a copy of their letter, but they have not received a formal reply from Washington, D.C.

Elizabeth mayor appointed to chair national justice committee

"As chair of the Criminal and Social Justice Committee I'm committed to making Hometown Security a priority and working with Mayors from around the country to ensure better safety."

Mayor Chris Bollwage

lishing interagency communication.

Objectives of the conference include formulating a communication policy with Federal, State, and local emergency management agencies that will be coordinated, integrated, and immediate. Also a priority is the development of protocols among local agencies to facilitate communication between First Responders and respective headquarters.

Bollwage, active in the United States Conference of Mayors and currently serving on its National Advisory Committee. The organization's

Legislative Committee. Mayor Bollwage has made great strides in his leadership roles as Chairman of the Brownfields Task Force and Chairman of the Highway Safety Subcommittee. Recently, he was elected President of the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, where he will join state officials in making hometown security a priority in the Garden State.

The Criminal and Social Justice Committee is comprised of mayors from throughout the country whose primary focus includes anticrime funding, a new crime bill, and gun safety legislation.

The committee will convey their first meeting of the year at the U.S. conference of Mayors' 71st Winter Meeting in Washington DC on January 23.

Bollwage has led his city since 1993, and is credited with the revival of downtown Elizabeth, which once consisted of vacant storefronts and trash lined streets. Elizabeth was badly hurt by the recession, and a flight by wealthier residents to the suburbs. Today the Elizabeth boasts a major mall, and major hotels such as Marriott International, and was named one of the best commu-

Media Matters — stories behind the news

Has the press lived up to its responsibility to fully explore the Bush administration's Iraq policy? Is the Web delivering on the promise of the age old American ideal of freedom of the press? What does a photo-journalist think about when faced with taking pictures of the worst terrorist tragedy in American history? When are photographs too controversial to publish?

Channel Thirteen presents "Media Matters". Power politics, ethics and new technology — "Media Matters" probes the stories behind the news. The critically acclaimed news-magazine returns with four new segments in its latest episode, premiering Thursday January 16, at 10 p.m. (E.T.) on PBS (check local listings).

Hosted by Pulitzer Prize winner Alex Jones, director of the Joan Shorenstein Center on the Press, Politics and Public Policy at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, "Media Matters" explores contemporary journalism from the inside, providing new insight into how and how well the news media



Protester with Saddam's poster.



Photo of disaster on Sept. 11, 2001

do their job.

The first segment, "Words of War" is scheduled to air on the 12th anniversary of the 1991 Gulf War. "Words of War" explores the powerful role of the press in preparing the nation for war with Iraq and of newspaper editorials and opinion columns in shaping the debate over the Bush administration's plans. Even with the growing influence of cable television and the Web, it was the editorial pages of the nation's

In contrast, the second segment, "A Trip to the Biosphere" looks at the exponential growth of a new opinion source web logs or blogs and how these daily digital diaries

of personal commentary generated by individuals across the nation impact mainstream media.

"Photo Story", the third segment features New York Photojournalist Jeff Mermelstein and explores the challenges of telling stories through images.

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E Briefs Entertainment

—Kim Bowman

Feds raid Murder Inc



New York Police and the FBI raided the Manhattan offices of Murder Inc. last Friday during the early morning hours, according to The LA Times. Irv Gotti, the record label founder has been under investigation for suspected ties to drug trafficking. The Feds believe Gotti allegedly received financial backing from Kenneth McGriff, the purported leader of the Queens gang, Supreme Team. The LA Times reports that Gotti has been seen recently with Death Row Records founder Suge Knight. No arrest were made but computers and documents were confiscated. Murder Inc. is home to Hip-Hop stars Ja Rule and Ashanti.

Suge Knight spends Christmas behind bars



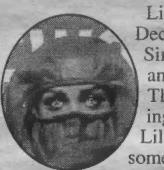
Marion "Suge" Knight, the head of rap label Tha Row spent Christmas in a Los Angeles County Jail. He was arrested Monday December 23 for allegedly violating parole by the Los Angeles Sheriff Department. According to police, Knight has four violations. Reports say Knight will be detained at the LA County jail for at least 30 days. Beyond that, if he's found guilty of parole violation, he could serve up to a year in jail.

Beyonce the new Pepsi girl



Beyonce Knowles of Destiny's Child has signed on to endorse Pepsi-Cola replacing pop princess Britney Spears. The ad campaign will entail two TV commercials, print and internet ads, radio spots and other related consumer promotions. In addition, Pepsi may sponsor the 21-year-old singer's pending solo tour, which will support her freshman album debut.

Is Lil' Kim mocking Islamic women?



Lil' Kim appears on the cover of the December-January issue of "Russell Simmons' One World" magazine dressed in an Islamic burka and ... well, little else. The rapper is also quoted as allegedly saying "Fu## Afghanistan!" inside the issue. Lil' Kim's latest controversy involves what some are calling a straight diss of Islamic women.

R Kelly can promote CD



R&B Superstar R. Kelly recently received permission to travel by bus to New York and Miami to promote his new album, "Chocolate Factory" after making a brief appearance in Chicago's Cook County Criminal Court. Kelly was in court as part of preparations for his trial on child pornography charges. "Chocolate Factory" is due out Jan. 28. His next court date is scheduled for Feb. 9.

What's Happening



1/17/03 India Arie will perform at Radio City Music Hall, 8:00pm



1/23/03 Comedian Mo'Nique will perform at The Beacon Theater in New York, 8:00pm



1/29/03 Erykah Badu will perform at SOB's in New York, 9:00pm

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The Grimke Family's Journey from Slaveholders to Civil Rights Leaders

"A family biography in which black and white intersect...an important and highly readable narrative." — The New York Times

By the beginning of the 19th century, the American south encompassed two strikingly different societies: one lived as wealthy slaveholders, and the other lived under the lash. Daughters of a prominent slaveholding family in Charleston, South Carolina, Sarah and Angelina Grimke, vowed to change the dynamics of their harsh society.

The sisters (mostly in

secret) began to educate their slaves as best they could, by teaching them reading and religion and the basic rights to which all humans are entitled. Eventually they moved to the north, where they dedicated their lives to abolitionism and advocacy of women's rights.

In 1868, Angelina and Sarah discovered that their deceased brother had had children with a slave woman who, as Mark Perry suggests, may have lived with him as a wife.

True to their ideals, the Grimke sisters invited their nephews into their lives, helped

educate them, and gave them the means to start a new life. Archibald and Francis Grimke continued their aunts' fight for racial equality into the early decades of the 20th century, involving themselves in the founding of the NAACP and becoming two of the most notable African Americans of their time.

The Grimke's work helped to lay the groundwork of the civil rights movement to follow and, as Perry notes, helped to shape many kinds of American social activism.

At once an inspiring social



history and a fascinating group biography, *Lift Up Thy Voice: The Grimke Family's journey from Slaveholders to Civil Rights Leaders* illustrates how the question of race dominates American history. This family saga, which spans 150 years, is a book for anyone interested in

women's history, African American history, the Civil War, or anyone who cares about making America a better place to live.

Mark Perry has written on history, the Middle East conflict, and American foreign policy for numerous magazines and newspapers. He lives in Arlington, Virginia.

NJPAC Celebrating the life of Dr. King

Newark — The New Jersey Performing Arts Center's Family Time Series presents its sixth annual Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration on Thursday, January 16, 2003 at 7:00pm in Prudential Hall.

This spirited musical celebration includes appearances by the critically acclaimed NJPAC Jubilation Choir under the direction of Stefanie R. Minatee, the "Queen of Gospel," Albertina Walker, Evangelist Dorothy Norwood, and special guest speaker Ossie Davis.

For over four decades, Ossie Davis has held a unique place among the great artists of the American theater, equally distinguishing himself as an actor, writer and director. Besides acting and writing, Mr. Davis is also very much involved in lecturing and performing dramatic readings for educational, civic and religious groups. He lectures on many aspects of Black history, civil rights, economics, film and television. Many of his lectures are intertwined with story telling, anecdotes and poetry. Author of the Tony® Award-winning play, *Purlie Victorious*,

Often with his wife Ruby Dee, Mr. Davis has produced with PBS some of their best work — *Martin Luther King: The Dream and The Drum*; *A Walk Through the 20th Century* with Bill Moyers; and the critically acclaimed series, *With Ossie and Ruby*.

The NJPAC Jubilation Choir, established in October of 1998 under the auspices of NJPAC's Arts Education Department, is a singing aggregation committed to African American sacred music with an emphasis on gospel.

Evangelist Dorothy Norwood began singing and touring with her family at the age of eight. Later, when she moved to Chicago, she sang



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In accordance with the FTHA's one-strike-and-you're out policy, any applicant or adult member of an applicant's household who has engaged in drug related criminal activity or any activity that threatens the life, health, safety, or peaceful enjoyment of their neighbors, will not be admitted to FTHA low-income housing.

PLEASE PRINT

Disabled _____ YES _____ NO _____

Applicant Name _____

Address _____

Social Security # _____

Telephone # _____

If additional space is needed to complete this section, please attach a separate sheet.

Name of All Household Members	Relationship To Head	Age	Sex	For Statistical Purposes Only
	Head of Household			Minority Code Circle One
				White
				Black
				American Indian or Alaskan Native
				Asian or Pacific Islander
Source of Income	Monthly Gross Amount	Source of Income	Monthly Gross Amount	Ethnic Code Circle One
Wages	\$		\$	Hispanic
Social Security	\$	Other	\$	Non-Hispanic
SSI	\$	Total	\$	

The following information is needed to determine your eligibility for a selection preference. These questions are for selection purposes only and will not affect your eligibility. **Answer each question by circling either yes or no.** Any yes response will require written verification before final selection.

Do you live or work in Franklin Township, Somerset County? YES NO

Do you have a head or spouse employed a minimum of 25 hours/week with income countable as annual income? YES NO

Do you have a head or spouse attending a bona fide institution of higher education carrying at least one-half of a full-time credit load; if employed at least part-time or if not employed, carrying a full-time load? YES NO

Do you have a head or spouse who is an honorably discharged veteran? YES NO

The FTHA does not discriminate against any person because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, family status, or national origin.

WARNING: Section 1001 of Title 18 of the U.S. Code makes it a criminal offense to make willful false statements or misrepresentation to any department of the U.S. on any matter within its jurisdiction. I hereby certify that the above information is true to the best of my knowledge.

Date _____

Signature of Head of Household _____

APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED BY REGULAR MAIL ONLY

CLIP AND MAIL this application to: FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP HOUSING AUTHORITY, 1 PARKSIDE STREET, SOMERSET, NJ 08873. All applications must be postmarked no later than February 28, 2003.

\$36.75

Notice of Meetings 2003

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE DATES, TIMES, AND PLACES OF MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF PASSAIC.

DATE	TIME	PLACE
Wed., Jan. 15, 2003	7:00 P.M.	45 Aspen Place Recreational Room
Wed., Feb. 19, 2003	7:00 P.M.	330 Passaic Street City Council Chambers
Wed., Mar. 19, 2003	7:00 P.M.	330 Passaic Street City Council Chambers
Mon., Apr. 21, 2003	7:00 P.M.	234 Chestnut Street
Wed., May 21, 2003	7:00 P.M.	330 Passaic Street City Council Chambers
Wed., June 18, 2003	7:00 P.M.	220-222 Sixth Street
Wed., July 16, 2003	7:00 P.M.	330 Passaic Street City Council Chambers
Wed., Sep. 17, 2003	7:00 P.M.	14-34 East Monroe St.
Wed., Oct. 15, 2003	7:00 P.M.	330 Passaic Street City Council Chambers
Tues., Nov. 18, 2003	7:00 P.M.	299 Gregory Avenue
Tues., Dec. 16, 2003	7:00 P.M.	330 Passaic Street City Council Chambers

ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND THE PUBLIC IS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

ERIC KOLBE
 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
 \$20.82

NEW ROOFING FOR 6 TEN UNIT APARTMENT BUILDINGS:

The Asbury Park Public Housing Authority invites qualified licensed contractor to submit their proposals for new shingle roofing at Lincoln Village located on Memorial Drive, Asbury Park. Interested contractors should call Geoffrey Melvin, Maintenance Supervisor at 372/774-2660 ext. 19 for an appointment to inspect the sites and get details of the scope, and specifications for required repairs. Responses will be accepted through January 20th 2003 at the Asbury Park Public Housing Authority, 1000 1/2 Third Avenue, Asbury Park, NJ 07712.

Harold A. Phipps, M.B.A.
 Executive Director

\$7.35

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY ARCHITECTS AND / OR ENGINEERS

The Housing Authority of the City of New Brunswick is seeking proposals from licensed Architects and/or Engineers for the design and supervision of both new construction, and renovation/alteration of existing space to be converted to Executive Offices.

Information will be available to all interested parties at the Housing Authority Office, 56 Morris Street, 2nd floor, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08901. Proposals must be submitted in triplicate and must be received no later than January 22, 2003, 11:00 a.m. prevailing time. The Housing Authority reserves the right to waive any informality in any proposal, and to reject any and all proposals, and to accept such proposals and make such award as may be in the best interest of the Authority.

John Clarke, Executive Director
 Housing Authority of the City of New Brunswick

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PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, Public Notice is hereby given that the East Orange City Council has established the following 2003 Meeting Dates. Take note that formal action will take place at Regular Meetings and may take place at Committee Meetings. Executive Sessions may be held at Committee Meetings or at Regular Meetings. These Meetings will be held in City Council Chambers located at 44 City Hall Plaza, East Orange.

Committee Discussion And Agenda Meetings

6:30 PM

January 6th

January 21st (Tuesday)

February 3rd

February 18th

March 3rd

March 17th

April 7th

April 21st

May 5th

May 19th

June 4th (Wednesday)

June 16th

July 14th

August 11th

September 8th

September 22nd

October 6th

October 20th

November 5th (Wednesday)

November 17th

December 1st

December 22nd

Regular Official Meetings

7:00 PM

January 13th

January 27th

February 10th

February 24th

March 10th

March 24th

April 14th

April 28th

May 12th

May 27th (Tuesday)

June 9th

June 23rd

July 21st

August 18th

September 15th

September 29th

October 14th (Tuesday)

October 27th

November 10th

November 24th

December 15th

December 29th

CYNTHIA BROWN
 City Clerk

JACQUELYN E. JOHNSON
 City Council Chairwoman

\$25.72

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

ENERGY AND WATER PERFORMANCE CONTRACTING PROGRAM

The Housing Authority of the City of Long Branch
 Garfield Court Administrative Offices
 P.O. Box 337
 Long Branch, NJ 07740

The Housing Authority of the City of Long Branch (the Authority) is soliciting specific qualifications and technical proposals from interested Energy and Water Services Companies (EWSOCs) that are capable of providing comprehensive energy/water management and energy/water related capital improvement services.

Further information about the Authority, the scope of required services, the proposal evaluation criteria and the form of contract can be obtained from the Authority at the Garfield Court Administrative Offices at anytime between the regular business hours of 9:00 AM until 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday beginning Wednesday, January 8, 2003. Questions regarding the Request for Proposal (RFP) can be directed to Robert M. Braun, AIA, Modernization Coordinator at (732) 222-3747 at extension #126 or emailed to: rbraun@lbhousing.org.

Proposals are to be submitted to the Authority no later than 4:00 PM in the afternoon on Friday, January 31, 2003. Proposals shall submit an original and three (3) copies of their proposal in a sealed envelope clearly labeled: **PROPOSAL - ENERGY/WATER PERFORMANCE CONTRACTING PROGRAM**, with the firm's name and full address. Proposals submitted late or without due regard for the Instructions to Proposers shall not be considered.

Tyrone Garrett, P1M, Executive Director
 Housing Authority of the City of Long Branch

\$18.37



The Newark Public Schools
 2 Cedar Street
 Newark, New Jersey 07102

Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act of 1975, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., popularly known as the "Sunshine Law," the Newark Public School District wishes to announce the following:

This is to advise that the Newark Public School District will host a series of Advisory Board Retreats.

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
January 10, 2003	4:00 - 6:00 P.M.	Essex County College
January 17, 2003	4:00 - 6:00 P.M.	Gateway School
January 24, 2003	4:00 - 6:00 P.M.	2 Cedar Street
January 31, 2003	4:00 - 6:00 P.M.	Gateway School
February 7, 2003	4:00 - 6:00 P.M.	2 Cedar Street

The following agenda is for the January 10, 2003 meeting.

The Agenda

- Review of Resumes
- Current Status of Newark Public School District
 - Progress
 - Problems
- Characteristics & Skills of Superintendent
- Response to Senator Ronald Rice's Letter
- Meeting with Newark Officials

Marion A. Bolden
 State District Superintendent

\$22.05

Calendar

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration

THURSDAY, JAN 16

Newark — NJPAC presents the NJPAC Jubilation Choir with special guest Albertina Walker, Dorothy Norwood and special guest speaker Ossie Davis at 7:00 p.m. Tickets: Adult \$29 & Child \$16 under age 14. For more info call 973-466-5722.

Newark — The Newark Public Library remembers and celebrates the life of Dr. King with Patrik Henry Bass, author of *Like A Mighty Stream, The March on Washington, August 1963*. A musical and poetry performance will follow. Events take place in Centennial Hall at 6:00 p.m. For more info call 973-733-3610.

FRIDAY, JAN 17

Elizabeth — AmeriCorps will present a play about the life and legacy of Dr. King to The Boys & Girls Club of Union County at 4:00 p.m. For more info call 908-659-5166.

Newark — The YMCA will host a breakfast in honor of Dr. King's legacy. Keynote speaker is Tony Brown. For more info call 973-624-8900.

SUNDAY, JAN 19

Newark — 15th Annual Sing In Praise of King celebration will be hosted at Essex County College Gymnasium. Keynote speaker is Dr. Gwendolyn Goldsby-Grant. For more info call 973-733-4301.

Springfield — The 13th Annual Community Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Commemoration sponsored by AAJC, the African American Jewish Coalition, will be held at 7:00 p.m. at Temple Beth. Rev. Evans I. Spagner will be the keynote speaker. For more info call 973-376-0539.

MONDAY, JAN 20

Newark — The Newark Museum presents a family celebration where individuals can participate in the day of activities that celebrate and pay tribute to Dr. King. From 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. their will be a film screening: *Mighty Times: The Legacy of Rosa Parks* (40 min). From 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., a musical performance with Akuna Dixon and poetry recited by Betty Neals. From 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. the evening will end with words of inspiration from Rev. Michael Saunders of Fountain Baptist Church in Summit.

Plainfield — The Frontier's International Plainfield Area Club will host it's Dr. King, Jr. Annual Breakfast at 9:00 a.m. in the Plainfield High School cafeteria.

For more info call 908-756-4663.

Community

SATURDAY, JAN 11

Newark — New Jersey Black Issues Convention will host a meeting discussing the current state of Black Entertainment Television (BET) from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. For more info call 973-926-0292.

THURSDAY, JAN 16

Plainfield — United Trust Community Center will offer a business writing seminar from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. For more info call 908-753-7364.

East Orange — Poet Sonia Sanchez will perform at East Orange Public Library at 7:00 p.m.

Heartbeat

Interested in becoming a massage therapist, Union County College is offering a training course. For more info call 908-791-4916.

ONGOING

Newark — WIC Program at UMDNJ offers a variety of support services to participants. Appointments are strongly recommended. For more info call 973-972-3416.

Newark — Beth Israel Medical Center offers free Breast Cancer Patient Support Group. For more info call 973-926-7609.

ONGOING - MARCH 13

Belleville — Clara Maass Medical Center will offer an exercise program "Building Better Bones" designed to develop muscle and strength. For more info call 973-450-2872.

WED, JAN 8 — THURS, JAN 9

Cranford — The Division of Economic Development and Continuing Education of Union County College will offer a course "Community First Aid and Safety" from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. For more info call 908-709-7600.

THURS, JAN 9 — MARCH 13

Livingston — St. Barnabas will offer a ten-week program to help children develop healthy eating habits, physical activity, etc. Classes are on Thursdays only. For more info call 973-322-5664.

SATURDAY, JAN 11

Jersey City — The NJ Chapter of the Afro-American Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc will



"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that.
Hate cannot drive out hate;
only love can do that."

- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
View the calendar for various events.

hold their monthly meeting from 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. at 1841 Kennedy Blvd. 2nd Fl. For more info call 201-597-5262.

MONDAY, JAN 13

New York — Lincoln Center presents jazz singer Nancy Wilson at 8:00 p.m. in the Avery Fisher Hall. For more info call 212-721-6500 or 212-258-9800.

WED, JAN 15 - APRIL 2

Livingston — St. Barnabas will offer a weight management program. At 6:00 p.m. For more info call 973-322-5664.

Business

ONGOING

Newark — The Women's Center of Essex County College is sponsoring a series of seminars, support groups during Spring 2003 Semester. For more info call 973-877-3395.

TUESDAY, JAN 14

Newark — Essex County College will offer a six-session program "Know your legal Rights" from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. For more info call 973-877-3395.

New York — Disney on Ice comes to the Nassau Coliseum at 7:00 p.m. For more info call 212-307-7171.

Somerville — The Somerset County Chamber of Commerce will host a free business seminar from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at its office. For more info call 908-696-9500.

WEDNESDAY, JAN 15

New Brunswick — Central Jersey Job Developers Association will host its free 19th Annual Job Fair from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Rutgers Labor Education Center. For more info call 732-745-3866.

THURSDAY, JAN 16

Newark — Regional Business Partnership invites its members to attend a networking event from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at One Newark Center, 22 Fl. For more info call 973-242-4203.

TUESDAY, JAN 21

Newark — SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives) will host "Staring and Managing Your Own Business" workshop from 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at 2 Gateway Center, 15th Fl. For more info call 973-645-3982 between 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JAN 22

Newark — Regional Business Partnership will host a mid-day networking event at 744 Broad St. 26th Fl. from 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. For more info call 973-242-4203.

North Brunswick — Pathfinder Consulting Group will offer its Mega Job Fair at the Ramada Inn, 666 Rt. 1-South from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. For more info call 732-246-3737.

THURSDAY, JAN 23

New Brunswick — NJ Chamber of Commerce will host a seminar "Combating Fraud in Corporate America" at the NJ Law Center from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. For more info call 732-214-8500.

Artz

Celestial Arts is sponsoring a \$1,000.00 poetry contest. Entry is free and deadline is Friday, Jan. 31. For entry info visit www.freecontest.com or send one poem 21 lines or less to Celestial Arts, PO Box 1140, Talent, OR, 97540.

ONGOING - AUGUST 10

New York — American Museum of Natural History presents an exhibition of the work of Albert Einstein. For more info call the museum at 212-769-5800.

WEDNESDAY, JAN 8

Newark — Newark Museum will present the film "The Sky above Mister Rogers' Neighborhood" Saturdays and Sundays from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Films for children ages 4-6. For more info call 973-596-6355.

SAT, JAN 11 & SUN, JAN 12

Newark — Newark Museum will host Family Drop-In Programs at 1:00, 2:00, & 3:00 p.m. For more info call 973-596-6355.

TUESDAY, JAN 14

New York — Disney on Ice comes to the Nassau Coliseum at 7:00 p.m. For more info call 877-595-7889. Call asap to reserve seats.

FRIDAY, JAN 17

New York — Radio City Music Hall presents India Arie in concert at 8:00 p.m. For more info call Ticketmaster at 212-307-7171.

SATURDAY, JAN 18

Newark — African Globe presents its 6th Annual That's What Friends are for Benefit Party & Fashion Show at the Terrace Ballroom. Doors open at 10:00 p.m. For more info call 973-624-1584.

TUESDAY, JAN 21

East Rutherford — Disney on Ice comes to the Continental Airlines Arena at 7:30 p.m. For more info call 212-307-7171.

THURSDAY, JAN 23

New York — The Beacon Theater presents comedian Mo'Nique at 8:00 p.m. For more info call Ticketmaster at 212-307-7171.

New York — The Studio Museum in Harlem presents "Challenge of the Modern: African-American Artists 1925-1945" an exhibit of black artists in the U.S. and Caribbean. Exhibit continues until March 30. For more info call 212-864-4500.

SATURDAY, JAN 25

Newark — NJPAC presents Ronald K. Brown in the Victoria Theater at 7:30 p.m. Brown is a choreographer of modern African dance and hot club moves. For more info call 888-466-5722.

Mail your calendar
events and photographs
at least two weeks in
advance to:

City News Publishing
111 Mulberry St., TH-C
Newark, NJ 07102 or
Fax to: 973-642-5444

Construction mentoring program graduates 12

NEWARK — Twelve Newark Public Schools students recently graduated with flying colors from the Mechanical Contractors and Architects/Architects, Contractors and Engineers (MCA/ACE) Mentor Program. The event last month at Prudential Financial in Newark, was the MCA/ACE's second annual graduation.

John Woodman, Executive Director of the MCA/ACE Mentor Program, recognized the students for their participation, good attendance and program completion. During the program, union representatives in plumbing, pipefitting, heating ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC), and refrigeration service and repair mentored the students while involving them in hands on activities related to the industry. The students also visited construction work sites and union

apprenticeship centers.

The students who graduated from the program were Jahad Arrington, Terrell Brydie, Jala Campbell, Salaam, Grimes, Duwan Johnson, Bagethy Bonnett, Quatisha Johnson, Wayne Kearney, Wahid Khan, and Brandie Taylor from West Side High School, Edwin Lopes from Barringer High School and Ronald Concepcion from East Side High School.

At the graduation, West Side students, Salaam Grimes, Brandie Taylor and Wahid Khan spoke about their experiences in the MCA/ACE Mentor Program and the positive exposure they received by meeting students from other schools, districts, and members of the local unions. Salaam, Grimes also made a presentation about a welding project completed in the pipefitting component of the program. For more information call 973-733-7338.

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MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER OPERATING SERVICES

PURPOSE AND INTENT
Montclair State University is requesting Statements of Qualification from water and wastewater operating services companies for the operation, maintenance, and testing of the water treatment, wastewater treatment and wastewater collection systems at the School of Conservation. This selected firm will provide all operating, maintenance and testing services for the systems, including operation and testing services of a vegetative wetland treatment plant. The scope of services for this quotation is detailed in Section 3.0.

The University is requesting that those companies interested in providing a statement of qualifications send the information to the University Purchasing Office, College Hall Room 318D, before close of business on January 31, 2003 at 4:00 PM.

2.0 BACKGROUND ON MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY
The location of Montclair State University is a 246-acre campus at the intersection of Valley Road and Normal Avenue, Upper Montclair, New Jersey. The entire campus facilities total is 1.8 million square feet. Currently, there are 14,000 undergraduate and graduate students enrolled at Montclair State University. The University is composed of three colleges and two schools: College of Education and Human Services, College of Humanities and social sciences, College of Science and Mathematics, School of Art and School of Business.

2.1 BACKGROUND ON NEW JERSEY SCHOOL OF CONSERVATION
The School of Conservation, a division of the College of Science and Mathematics (CSAM) is a 240-acre Environmental Field Center located in Stokes State Forest, serving 10,000 school children annually with environmental education programs.

2.2 DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED SERVICE
The services requested by the University consist of the Operations and Testing of the New Jersey School of Conservation Wastewater Treatment Plant, Wastewater Collection system and Public Water Supply system. The wastewater treatment plant consists of four principal treatment systems: septic tanks, natural aquatic treatment processes, ultra-violet disinfection and disposal fields.

This Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant is located at the School of Conservation, at Stokes State Forest in the Township of Sandyston. The existing treatment plant began operations in June 1998.

3.0 SCOPE OF WORK
The University is requesting a statement of qualifications from water and wastewater operating firms with a strong background in disposal systems operations. The selected firm will operate and test on the wastewater treatment plant and public water supply at the New Jersey School of Conservation.

3.1 NJDEP WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT SCOPE OF SERVICES
Scope of Service to include:
1. Provide for NJDEP 5-1 licensed operational coverage.
2. Prepare and submit monthly DMR, SQAR, Groundwater and all other required reports to the DEP.
Also provide process control reports monthly, or as needed.
3. Daily inspection of the system including:
(7 days/week, 365 days per year)
- Required readings
- Daily testing
- Equipment inspection and routine daily maintenance
- Facility housekeeping (treatment plant only, no grass cutting or snow plowing)
4. Collection, preservation, and analysis of all samples including monitoring wells, required under the Federal and State regulations and for process control.
5. Provide for answering service for emergency calls on a 24-hour per day basis.
6. Submit monthly operating status reports to the School of Conservation.
7. Provide additional services including replacements parts, major repairs and emergency call-out coverage on a time and materials basis.

3.2 NJDEP WATER TREATMENT PLANT SCOPE OF SERVICES
Scope of Service to include:
1. Provide for NJDEP 5-1 licensed operational coverage.
2. Prepare and submit monthly and quarterly NJDEP reports as needed.
3. Provide for routine inspection and maintenance of the water treatment plant 3 days per week.
- Required readings
- Daily testing
- Equipment inspection and routine daily maintenance
- Facility housekeeping (treatment plant only, no grass cutting or snow plowing)
4. Collection, preservation, and analysis of all samples required under the Federal and State regulations and for process control.
5. Provide for answering service for emergency calls on a 24-hour per day basis.
6. Submit monthly operating status reports to the School of Conservation.
7. Provide additional services including replacements parts, major repairs and emergency call-out coverage on a time and materials basis.

4.0 TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION
The University requests a written presentation of Qualifications from all responding firms. Interested companies can obtain a copy of the complete Request for Qualifications and Company Questionnaire by contacting the Purchasing Department at 973-655-4145.

5.0 TIME FRAME
The University expects that the selection of the operating firm will be made by February 15, 2003. It is expected that the operation and testing begin no later than March 1, 2003.

6.0 QUALIFICATION EVALUATION AND SELECTION PROCESS
Respondents will be evaluated on their firm's qualifications and approach to the technical issues of this project, as well as their technical merit, project organization, prior experience in the operation of wastewater treatment plant of similar size and complexity. Oral presentation may be scheduled in order to determine the most qualified vendor.

At the conclusion of the Qualifications Based Selection (QBS), those vendors short listed will be asked to provide a cost proposal for the services described herein. The term of the anticipated contract will be for three (3) years, with two 1-year renewal options. Cost proposals should include the lump sum cost for the 3-year period and the escalation associated with the two 1-year renewals. Montclair State University is an Equal Opportunity Purchaser.

2002 Study finds fewer women in public office

NEW BRUNSWICK — Excitement over the record number of women who will serve as governors in 2003 may obscure a less optimistic trend for women seeking political power: the numbers of women serving in other statewide offices and in state legislatures actually fell as a result of the 2002 elections.

The number of women in the U.S. House of Representatives is unchanged from late 2002, but, in the Senate there will be one more woman due to the recent appointment of Lisa Murkowski of Alaska to serve out the unexpired term of her father who left the Senate to run for Governor. These outcomes follow a pattern of stagnation evident in recent election cycles.

According to the Center for American Women and Politics (CAWP), a unit of the Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey.

When newly elected officeholders are sworn in, women will serve as gov-

ernors in six states, with four newly elected women joining two holdovers. In the U.S. Senate there will be 14 women, and the U.S. House of Representatives will have 59 women members (as well as 3 delegates). But in statewide elected executive positions overall, 79 women will serve, compared with 89 in 2002. A total of 1,642 women will hold 22.2 percent of state legislative seats, compared with 1,680 (22.6 percent) at the end of 2002.

"We're pleased to see more women governors than ever before," observed Debbie Walsh, director of CAWP. "But

we cannot ignore the larger trend — a slowing or even reversal of the gradual, incremental progress CAWP has been tracking since the early 1970s."

Walsh noted that gubernatorial positions are important, not just because of the power governors wield in the states, but as a pipeline to national office; four of the last five presidents have served as governors. "With fewer women in state legislatures and statewide offices, we're draining the pool of potential candidates for governorships, the women who could rise to national office."

A variety of factors may be affecting the numbers of women holding office. Term limits and redistricting have forced long-term incumbents

from legislative seats, and the numbers of women running to replace them have edged downward. Political party gatekeepers, still overwhelmingly men, generally do not consider equitable representation a priority. "Maintaining

and increasing the numbers of women in public office requires consistent, concerted work," commented Walsh. "Political parties and women's organizations around the country must step up their efforts to recruit and support women candidates." CAWP's research since the late 1980s has consistently demonstrated that women legislators differ from their male colleagues in the issues they address, the positions they take, and the approaches they use in law-making. Thus, the Center contends, electing more women has a significant impact on what government does and how it operates.

N. J. Commerce Commission hosts January African Trade Conference

TRENTON — The New Jersey Commerce and Economic Growth Commission will host a one-day conference at the East Brunswick Hilton on January 27, to introduce New Jersey companies to valuable trade and investment opportunities throughout South Africa and Ghana.

According to a UN Economic Commission for Africa report, Africa grew faster than any other developing region in 2001. In fact, net equity investment grew from \$5.2 billion to \$9.3 billion during that time. Total New Jersey exports to South Africa totaled \$91 million in 2001; exports to Ghana totaled \$6 million. New Jersey is ranked 8th among all states in volume of exports to world markets.

Representatives from interested New Jersey industries should plan to attend. There is a \$55 registration fee. For more information, contact the New Jersey Commerce and Growth Commission at 609-292-5431.

Briefs

Arena opponents due in Superior Court

NEWARK — Opponents against and proponents for a plan to spend \$200 million to build an arena for the Nets and Devils are expected to make preliminary arguments Friday in Superior Court. The School, Community, Opportunities, Reevaluation and Emergencies allege that Mayor Sharpe James and the City Council over alleged violations of open meeting and state finance laws last October when they authorized an arena oversight contract with the New Jersey Redevelopment Authority.

Parents demand Golden Door principal's return

JERSEY CITY — More than 200 angry parents met with school officials Friday night to demand the reinstatement of Golden Door Charter School principal Karen Jones. Jones resigned for personal reasons, according to school board officials, but parents suspect there were other reasons for her decision. The outcry over Jones' demise has resulted in a flurry of actions by the parents who have circulated petitions demanding that she is reinstated.

State Police program names 10 scholars

NEWARK — Ten Rutgers-Newark students have been named New Jersey State Police (NJSP) Scholars in the nation's only program that unites state police with a state university to expanded educational opportunities to students interested in pursuing a state police career. The eight local scholars are Matthew Durak of Bayonne, Alicja Chrzanowska of Wallington; Moya Hodges of Orange; Wojciech Jastzab of Garfield; Jason Jorgenson of Plainfield; Jackson Liautaud of West Orange, Kelly Rieder of Rahway and Jose Velez Jr. of Jersey City.

Plainfield literacy group gets accreditation

PLAINFIELD — The Literacy Volunteers of America, Inc. (LVA) Board of Directors recently announced that their Plainfield affiliate has completed their rigorous quality and accountability standards. "Not only has this organization distinguished itself as a leader among the more than 300 literacy affiliates of LVA, Plainfield has identified itself as an outstanding nonprofit organization in this community," stated LVA president Marsha L. Tail. LVA-Plainfield meets at the local library. For more info call 908-755-7998.